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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 13716

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SUBJECT:SAFETY OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BEIRUT

A. STATE 254922: B BEIRUT 13324 (NOTAL)

1. MOST DAILY PAPERS APPEARING NOV 3, INCLUDING LEADING INDEPENDENT "AN NAHAR".REPORT THAT BETWEEN 70 AND 100 MEMBERS OF BEIRUT'S JEWISH COMMUNITY, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN WADI ABU JAMIIL SYNAGOGUE FROM CLASHES IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. ACCORDING TO "NAHAR". WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THESE PERSONS WERE IN URGENT NEED OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, CHAIRMAN OF PLO EXCOMM YASSIR ARAFAT ORDERED PLO ELEMENTS TO DELIVER SUPPLIES SUFFICIENT FOR "ONE MONTH" TO THE SYNAGOGUE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THESE DELIVERIES WERE MADE SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT NOV2-3.

2. WE HAVE ALSO RECIEVED REPORTS FROM AMERICANS AND OTHERS
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CAUGHT LAST WEEK IN KANTARI BATTLEGROUND, THAT ELEMENTS OF PLO

FATAH WERE ACTIVE IN EVACUATING RESIDENTS, INCLUDING JEWISH FAMILIES TO SAFER LOCATIONS. PHOTOGRAPH IN RECENT FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY, "L 'ORIENT LE JOUR" SHOWED ELDERLY WOMAN IDENTIFIED AS WIFE OF "DR. ATTIYEH", EMERGING FROM LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES APC AFTER BEING TRANSFERRED FROM HER RESIDENT IN STRICKEN NEIGHBORHOOD. WE BELIEVE THIS IS WIFE OF DR. ATTIYEH, HEAD OF JEWISH COMMUNITY. WE HAVE HOWEVER, BEEN UNABLE CONTACT HIS RESIDENCE CUM HOSPITAL SCHOLL (WHICH ALMOST DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF HOLIDAY INN) BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONDITIONS AND TELEPHONE OUTAGE.

3. COMMENT: PLO IS PREDICTABLY PORTRAYING THEIR SUCCOR OF BEIRUT JEWISH COMMUNITY AS LOGICAL OUTCOME OF THEIR SUPPORT OF CONCEPT OF DEMOCRATIC, SECULAR STATE IN WHICH CHRISTIANS MUSLIMS, AND JEWS CAN LIVE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION. EMBASSY, HOWEVER IS RELIEVED THAT PLO/FATAH APPEAR TT BE DEMONSTRATING IN PRACTICAL MANNER A CONCERN FOR SAFETY AND WELFARE OF JEWISH AND OTHER CITIZENS FROM PROPERLY CONSITUTED AUTHOR ITIES HAS BEEN PROBLEMATIC, DESPITE THEIR BEST INTENTIONS. GODLEY

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